

## Sheriff Troy J. Knudson ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## MEDIA RELEASE Fifth Offense OWI Crash

For Immediate Release

Date: 08-22-2020 Case: SO2034013 **Contact Person** 

Captain Mark Thompson 608-757-7944

On 08-22-2020 at approximately 1650 hours Rock County Sheriff's Office Deputies and a Wisconsin State Patrol Trooper were dispatched to the report of a vehicle crashed in a field off of N CTH F near N Becker Rd. A Trooper was first on scene and observed a lone female, Natalie Rhodes 55 years old of Janesville, within a crashed vehicle. Rhodes was unable to open or access the locked doors from the inside. The Trooper broke a window of the vehicle to gain access. Natalie had suffered non-life threatening injuries as a result of the crash.

Through investigation it was discovered Rhodes was SB on N CTH F when she lost control of her vehicle traveling a long distance through fields eventually coming to rest within a bean field. There was evidence of impairment and admittance of drinking by Rhodes. Rhodes was arrested for OWI (5<sup>th</sup> offense) and after being medically cleared was booked into the Rock County Jail for Jail Court.



Rhodes

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By: Sgt Rowley